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AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

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BEIRUT FOR DR. WILDE; KUWAIT FOR DR. HUTCHINS

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: REGIONAL MEDICAL RESPONSIBILITIES

1. DURING LATEST VISIT BY RMO DR. HUTCHINS TO JIDDA
(NOVEMBER 19-24) AMBASSADOR SUGGESTED IT MIGHT BE MORE LOGICAL
FOR RIYADH, PLUS WESTERN SAUDI ARABIA AND SANAA, TO REMAIN
FOR MEDICAL PURPOSES AS DEPENDENCIES OF RMO IN BEIRUT.
AMBASSADOR NOTED THERE WERE CONSIDERABLY MORE FLIGHTS BETWEEN
JIDDA AND BEIRUT, OR RIYADH AND BEIRUT, THAN BETWEEN THESE
TWO CITIES AND KUWAIT. THE DIFFERENCE IN FLYING TIMES
FROM RIYADH TO KUWAIT OR BEIRUT IS NOT SIGNIFICANT BUT JIDDA-
BEIRUT IS
MUCH SHORTER THAN JIDDA-KUSAIT VIA DHAHRAN AND RIYADH.

2. IT SEEMS LOGICAL TO US THAT THE CONSULATE GENERAL IN DHAHRAN AND
OTHER SITES IN THE EASTERN PROVINCE REMAIN WITHIN THE DISTRICT
OF THE RMO IN KUWAIT.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT DEPARTMENT IN CONSULTATION
WITH INFO ADDRESSEES CONSIDER SHIFT OF REGIONAL MEDICAL
RESPONSIBILITIES FOR RIYADH, AND WESTERN ARABIA (NOTABLY JIDDA)
BACK TO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT. THE DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY SANAA
MIGHT ALSO CONSIDER A SIMILAR CHANGE FOR YEMEN.

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